



Stop your Dane jumping on you

It may be cute when they're a puppy but dangerous when they're a 65+ kilo dog!

Jumping is very easy to stop - simply don't allow your puppy to do it and then they won't grow into an adult who jumps at people. Start with a puppy how you mean to go on.

WALK AWAY

If a baby Dane puppy places its feet on you, turn away and walk off and ignore the dog. Dogs only do what is reinforcing to them so if you do not give any reinforcement they will not continue to do it after a while. Reinforce the behaviour you want.

Even negative reinforcement can be reinforcing to a dog e.g. If a dog jumps at you and you yell at it to get down - BINGO - the dog just got your attention.

TEACH AN ALTERNATIVE BEHAVIOUR

A Dog can't jump when it is sitting or in a drop. Teach the dog an alternative behaviour and ask for it during times you think the dog may jump, then heavily reward the correct behaviour and ignore the jumping.

STEP INTO THE DOG

Rather than taking a step back when a dog jumps at you, take a big confident step forward into the dog (this does not include raising your knee into the dogs chest). By taking a step into the dog's space you are claiming your space back.

ALL 4 FEET ON THE GROUND

Using a clicker or a verbal marker, mark and reward the dog when it has all four feet on the ground.

TURN YOUR BACK

As soon as the dog jumps, turn your back to the dog without saying anything and continue to turn away from the dog until it stops jumping.

BE A TREE

Just stand still and don't move, don't look at the dog, don't say anything – just pretend the dog isn't there and the jumping isn't there. That way the dog is receiving no reinforcement.